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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT TOPIC Military Activity in Naumburg, Merseburg and at the Bad Koesen

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Engineer Training SiteEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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1. Between 9 and 27 May 1955, the following observations were made at the Naumburg post:

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Between 9 and 12 May, artillery and engineer units left the Hubertus Kaserne (8382) by road. Between 22 and 27 May, the installation appeared to be occupied by some 300 engineer soldiers and approximately 100 artillerymen. Between 9 and 27 May, the Bluecher Kaserne (8381) was occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 infantrymen. Since 10 May, an AAA emplacement was under construction at the eastern edge of the installation. Six 85-mm AA guns and radars were seen in the emplacement. ¹

Between 22 and 27 May, the Bismarck Kaserne (8385) was occupied by approximately 150 soldiers; ² the Hindenburg Kaserne (8383) by a guard detail; ³ and the Barbara Kaserne (8384) by 300 to 400 soldiers. ⁴

2. After 18 May, an engineer training site was observed between Bad Koesen and the Saale River bridge, 500 meters downstream the Eischeuer Inn, the training site was occupied by some 150 engineer soldiers who were quartered in tents and practiced construction of pontoon ferries and stream crossing by trucks. The unit had probably come from Naumburg. ⁵

3. In mid-May, the unit from the Flak Kaserne (8321) in Merseburg transferred to the Ohrdruf and Lossa training grounds. ⁶

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1. Comment. The Hubertus Kaserne is believed to be occupied by the U/1 Engr Bn of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and the 655th How Arty Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, and the Bluecher Kaserne by the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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2. Comment. Elements of the 498th AAA Arty Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps believed stationed in the Bismarck Kaserne were observed during the loading on 4 May.

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3. Comment. The installation is believed to be occupied by the Hq and Sig Bn of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which were presumably entrained on 3 May.
4. Comment. The 27th Gds Sig Bn of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps believed to be stationed in the Barbara Kaserne was presumably present at the post.
5. Comment. This is presumably the known engineer training site near Bad Koesen, which had already previously been utilized by engineer units from Naumburg.
6. Comment. According to other information, elements of the 76th Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Merseburg are assumed to be stationed at the Kindel training grounds.

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